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1. Survey of London three-power meetings--In a summary report on the three-power meetings in London, Secretary of State Acheson expresses the view that progress has been made toward reaching a better understanding of the fundamental questions confronting the Western Powers. The Secretary feels that this understanding will pave the way for improved cooperation and more effective concerted action in the future.

In his discussions with the British concerning the UK position in the world and the US-UK relationship, Acheson believes the following British preoccupations have emerged: (a) an emphasis upon the Labor Party's domestic program and British viability by 1952; (b) a desire for a "special relationship" with the US; (c) a desire to maintain a Commonwealth-sterling area-world position as distinguished from the role of an European power; (d) a resulting emphasis upon developing the NATO as an Atlantic community "umbrella" as opposed to the French theory of developing such strictly European organizations as OEEC; and (e) a concern over divergencies in US-UK policy, such as has been illustrated in the Chinese and colonial questions.

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